

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

Transaction reports in a signaling network include, amongst other things, identification codes, which characterize the network elements concerned and identification numbers for the reports. On exchange of a network element, conventionally, a transition phase is used with simultaneous operation of a network element for replacement and the replacing network element. During the phase problems occur with relation to the unambiguity with the generation of identification numbers as both network elements concerned are operated in the phase with the same identification code. The problem particularly arises due to the fact that the generation of identification numbers in network elements is not standardized. Transaction messages are run through the replacing network element during the simultaneous operation phase, the identification numbers thereof are registered and optionally altered in order to achieve unambiguous relationships between the transaction numbers and the transaction messages.